State of Alabama Statewide RFP Database Act 2012-407

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Statewide RFP Database & Covered Entities

- Act 2012-407 requires Division of Control and Accounts to establish a statewide database of each request for a proposal (RFP) for a public contract by the State of Alabama
- Covered entities include any agency, board, commission or department of the state which receives state or federally appropriated funds, the State Board of Education, a public college or trade school or a public university
- RFP's will be posted on state's website
- Effective January 1, 2013

Covered Entities

- Covered entities are responsible for
 - RFP Processing
 - legal compliance of RFP issuance
 - all other contract procurement requirements
 - giving notice or advertising the solicitation to prospective vendors
 - any other laws, rules or regulations
 - WEBSITE Updating
 - entering required data elements on designated state website
 - updating RFP information when RFP is amended closed or awarded
 - attaching copies of RFP's, or
 - linking to RFP posted on covered entity website

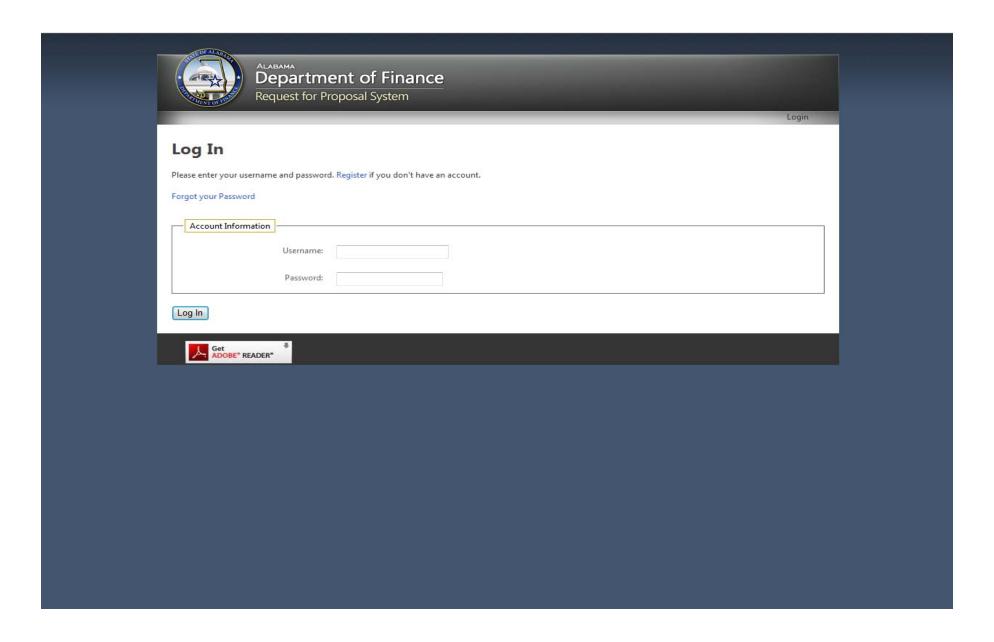
RFP Website

- 2 website views
 - Public
 - Registered entity
- All state and education covered entities must register to
 - post
 - update data elements
 - attach RFP's or link documents
- Link to access RFP website and specific instructions

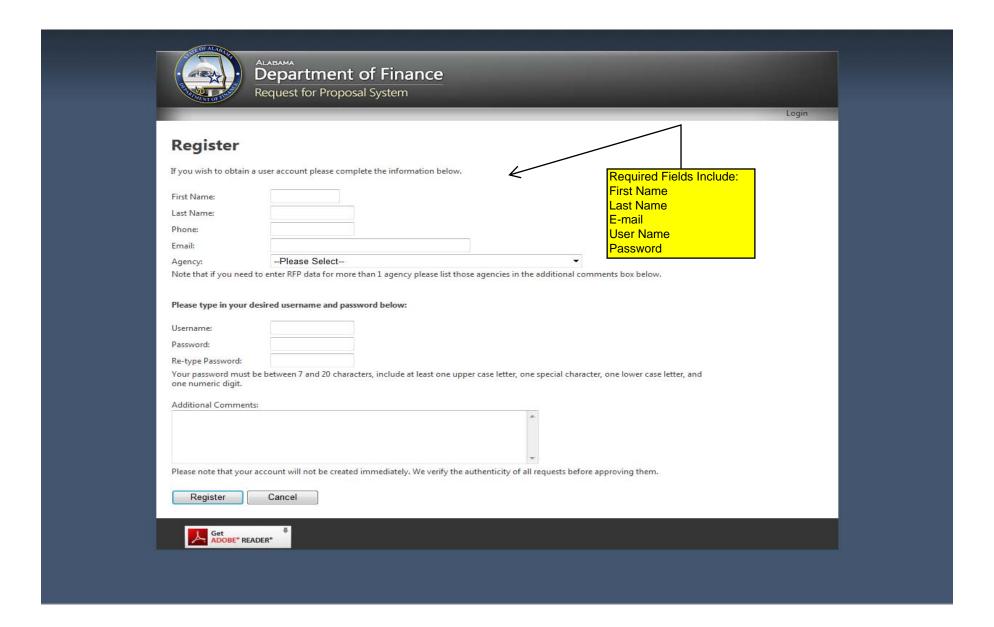
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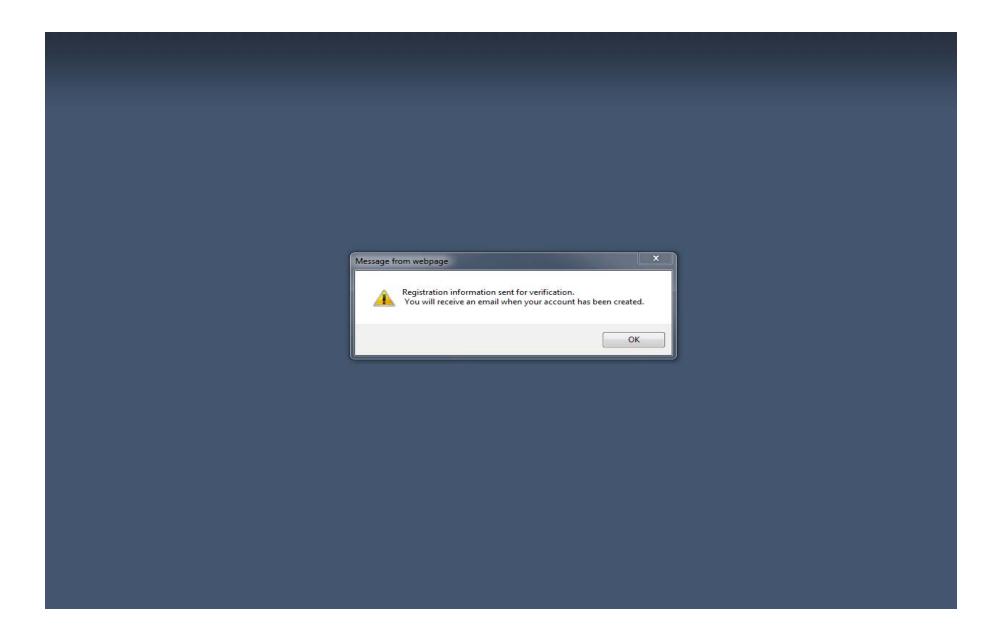
Log In Screen



Registration Page



Registration Notification

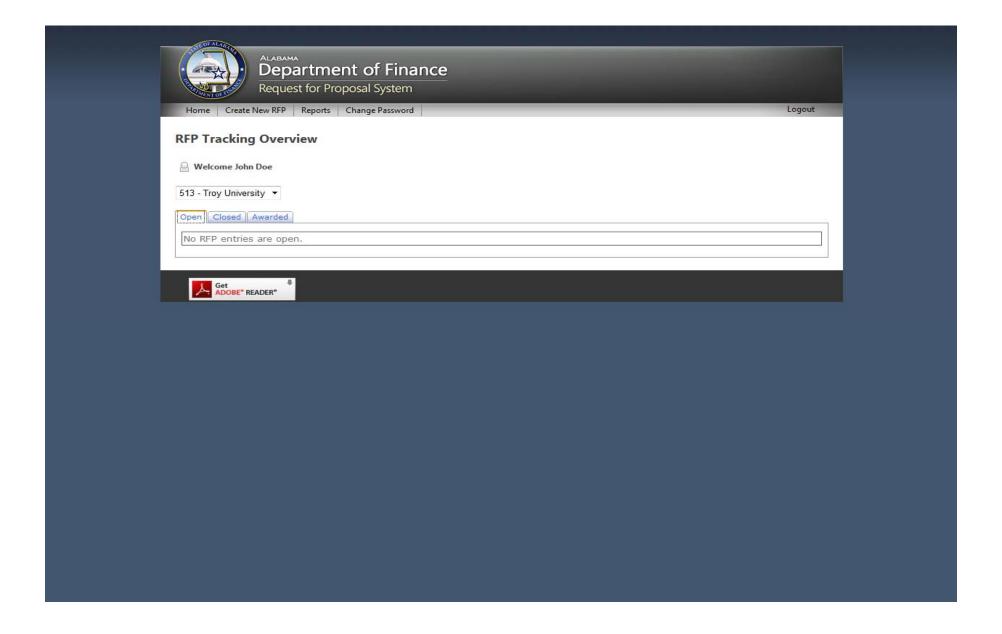


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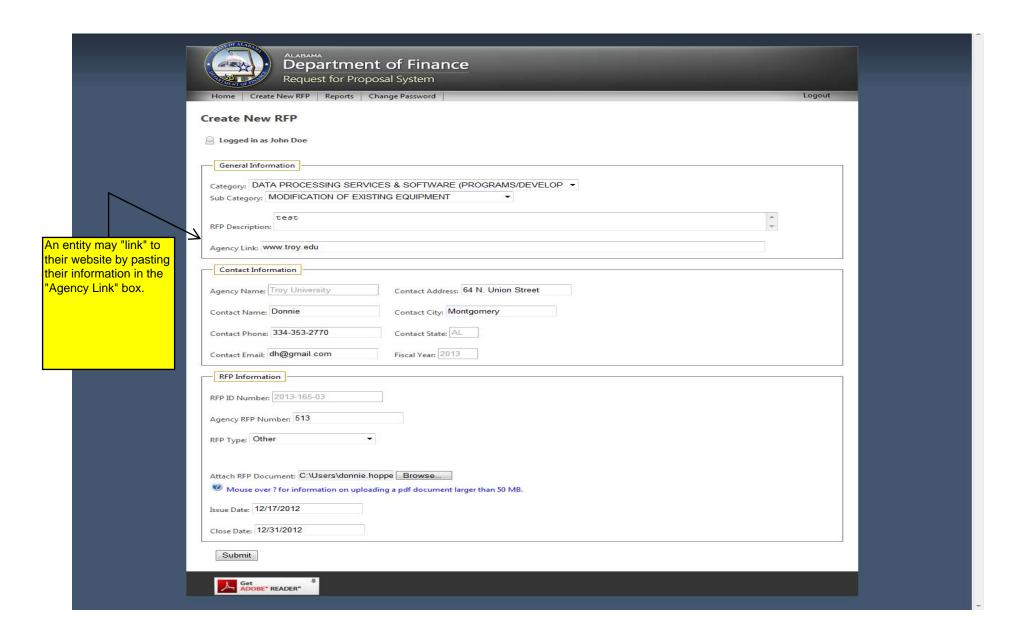
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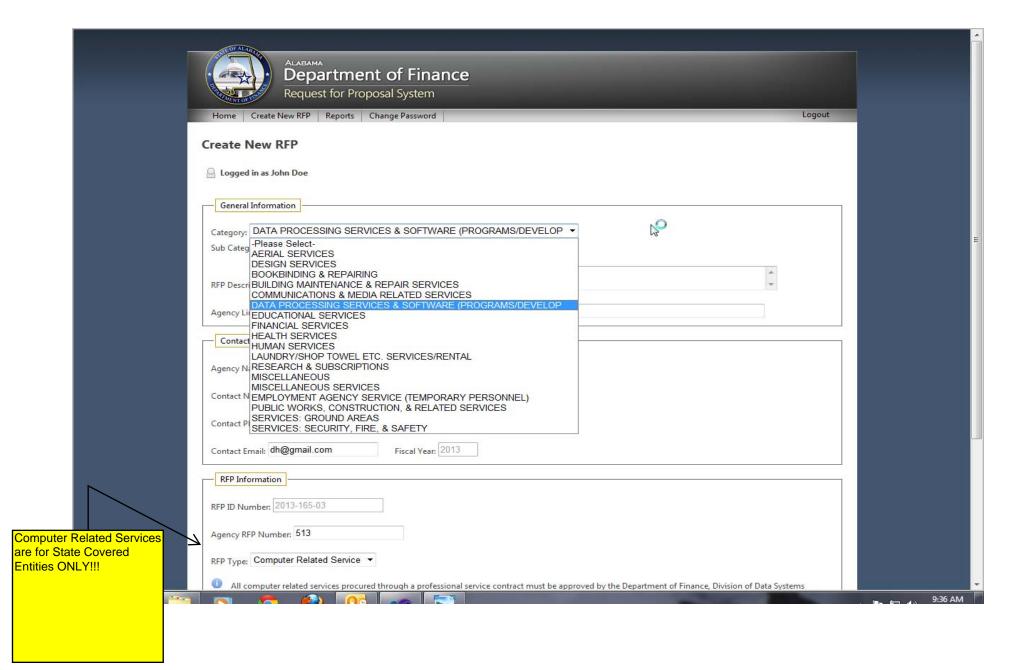
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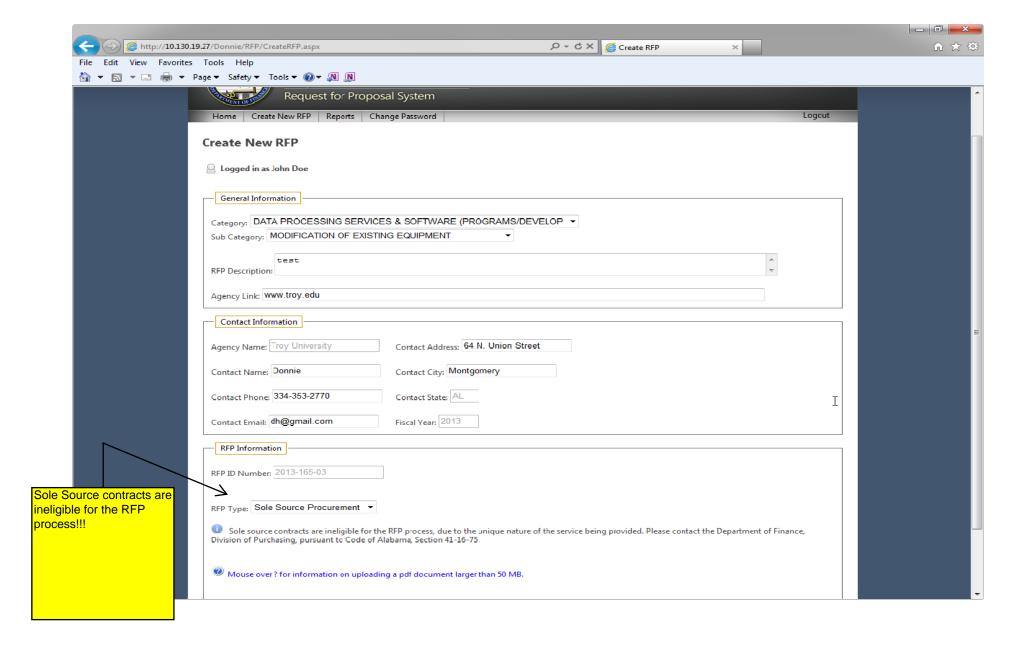
Create an RFP "Other"



Create an RFP with Specified Category "Computer Related Service"



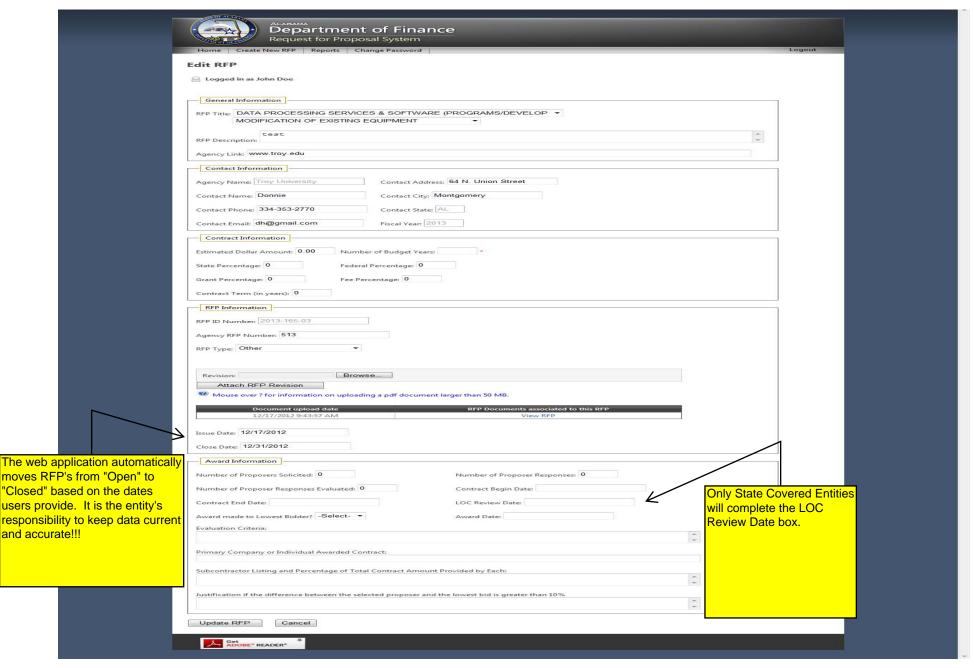
Create an RFP "Sole Source – NOT ALLOWED"



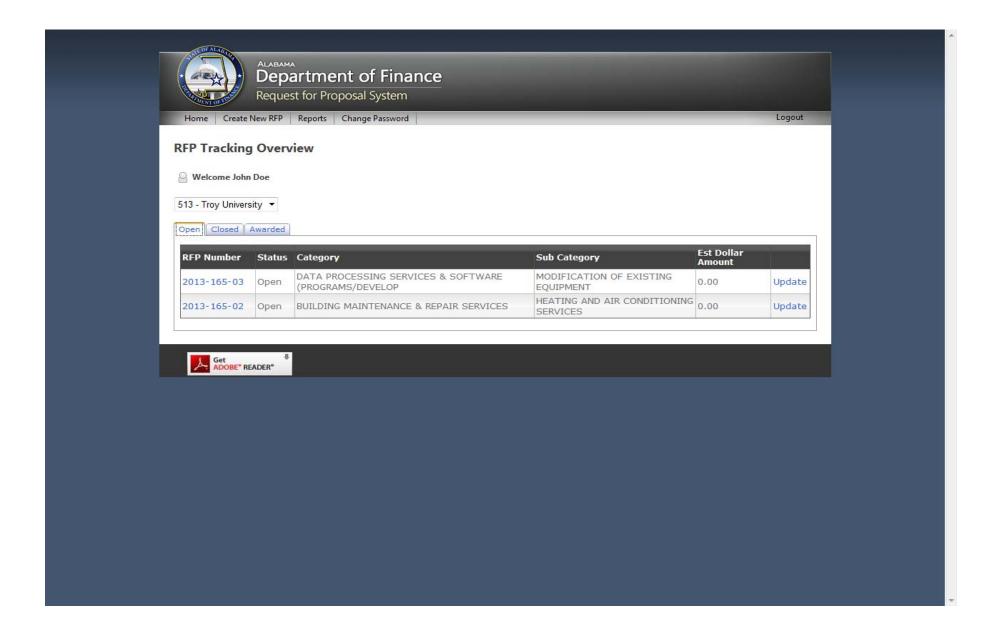
RFP Entry Submission Successful Notification



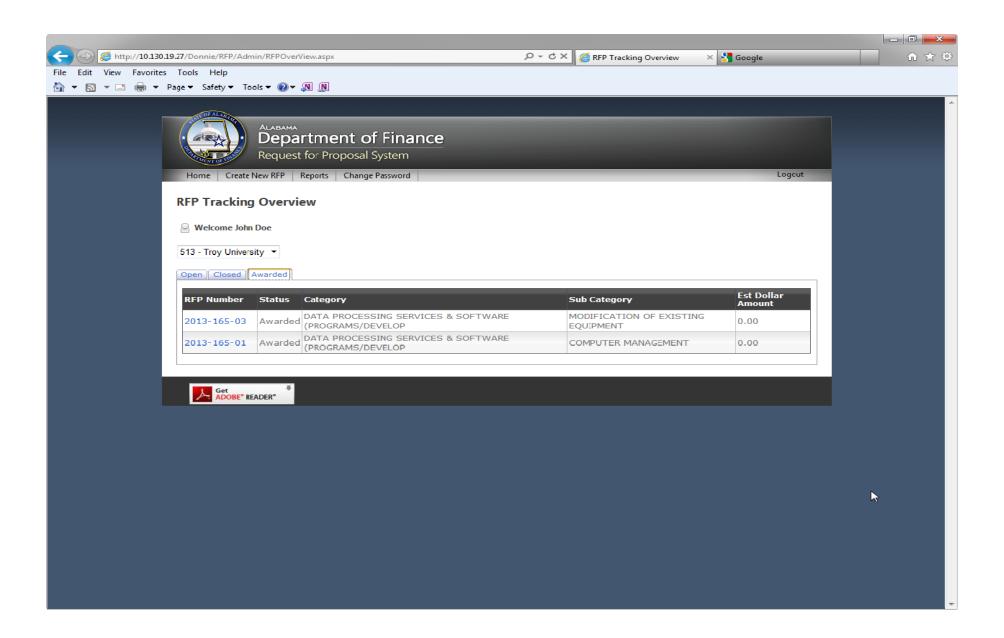
Edit View



Tracking Overview – Open Tab

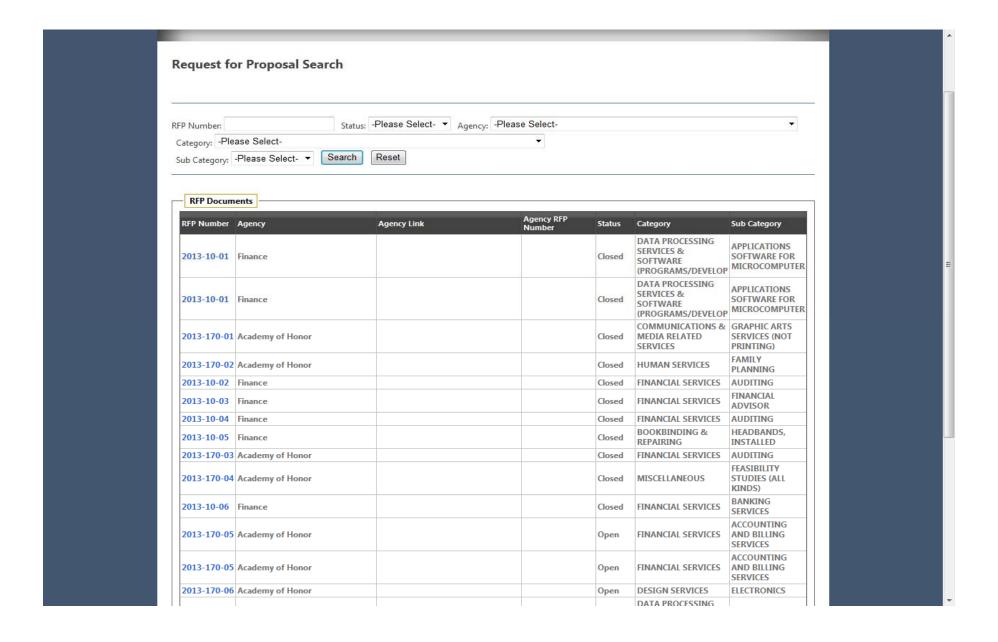


Tracking Overview – Awarded Tab

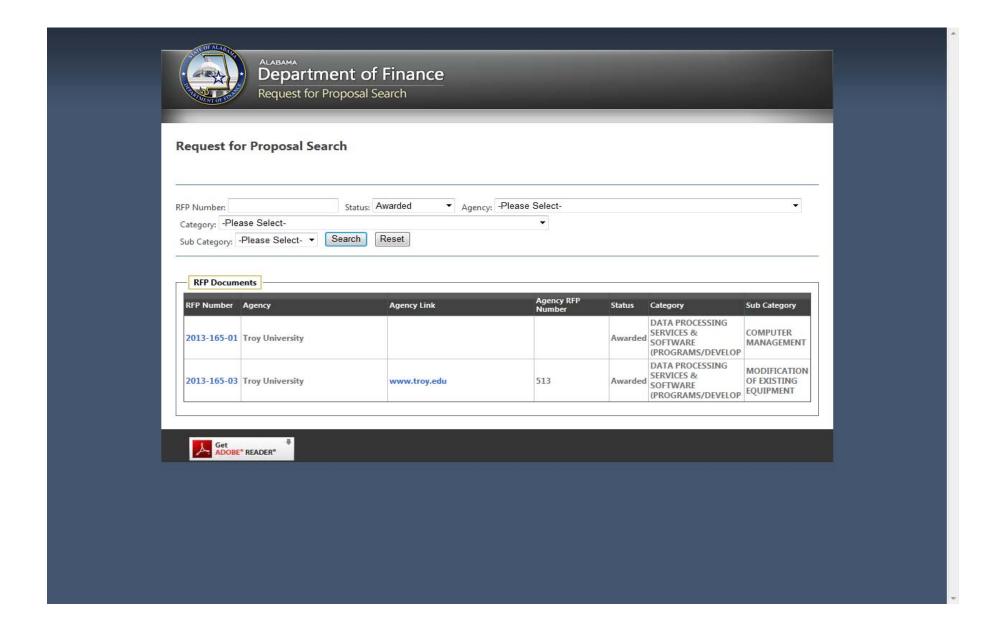




Public Search View



Public Search View with Filters



Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. If an entity already has copies of RFP documents posted on its website, can the agency link data to the RFP website?
 - Yes, RFP document link capability is on "Create New RFP" page under heading "General Information Agency Link". The entity has the option to enter or paste a link that will open the RFP document posted on the entity's website. This replaces the requirement to attach a pdf copy of the RFP.

Please Note: All other RFP website information must be entered.

- If an entity already has copies of RFP documents posted on its website, it there a way to electronically load that specific data into the fields on the RFP website?
 - No, the application does not have electronic load capability from an entity.
- 3. Can an entity use its own number to identify its RFP instead of the automatically generated one from the RFP website?
 - The application will automatically generate a website RFP number. However, entities can enter their RFP numbers on the "Create New RFP" page under the heading "RFP Information Agency RFP Number".
 - Will there be automation features in the future?
 - None planned at this time. Automation and enhancements will be assessed going forward.
- 5. Will entities be allowed multiple user ids?

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- Yes, entities are allowed to register multiple user id's and passwords. If entities set up multiple user id's and passwords, the Comptroller's Office strongly suggests the entity designate ONE individual to manage and coordinate the process. The Comptroller's Office should be notified by e-mail who that individual is and contact information including e-mail address.
- 6. Will there be a limit to the number of user ids and passwords to the RFP website?
 - No, not at this time. If multiple user id's and passwords become an issue, that will be handled on a case by case basis with the covered entity.
- 7. Will access (or what a user may do) on behalf of an entity be limited within the RFP website? Will there be levels of user access established that an entity can administer to multiple users of the RFP website?
 - No, a registered user may perform all RFP website functions. There are no limited access user levels established on the RFP website.

Frequently Asked Questions, continued.

- 8. When should RFP's be loaded to the RFP website?
 - RFP's should be loaded when issued by the covered entity.
- **9.** Who monitor's entities progress on the RFP's website?
 - Entities are responsible for complying with law, policies, procedures and rules.
- 10. If an RFP is currently in progress before January 1, 2013, should it be loaded onto the RFP website as of January 1, 2013, or do entities begin posting RFP's as of January 1, 2013 forward?
 - Entities should post RFP's issued January 1, 2013 forward.
- When loading RFP documentation, what should be included or excluded (i.e. blueprints, amendments, addendums, etc.)
 - Include original RFP information considered part of RFP documentation. Required information is determined by the covered entity.
- 12. The RFP website only shows open and closed RFP information. Some entities have "continuous" RFP's. Will an edit be made that effect?
 - No.
- 13. Will a cost be charged to entities for use of the RFP website?
 - Entities will not be charged for RFP website cost or maintenance.
- 14. Clarify RFP and what should be submitted on the RFP website.
 - Act 2012-407 did not make any changes that affect legal contracting process or what is considered a Request for Proposal (RFP). RFP's issued by a covered entity should be posted when issued.

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